AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus, comprising:

a media reader having a read element capable of being communicatively coupled to a DVD, wherein the DVD is compliant with the CSS specifications and ~~containing~~ contains scrambled digital content;

a storage element including ~~an~~ a storage input disposed for receiving the scrambled digital content from the media reader, the storage element configured to non-evanescently store the scrambled digital content using a storage technique substantially different from the DVD without descrambling ~~said~~ the scrambled digital content; and

a playback device coupled to the storage element, the playback device comprising:

~~an~~ a playback input disposed for receiving the scrambled digital content, ~~said~~ the scrambled digital content received at the playback input scrambled in accordance with a content scramble system (CSS);

a descrambler, for descrambling ~~said~~ the scrambled digital content into unscrambled digital content;

a decoder, coupled to ~~said~~ the descrambler, for decompressing ~~said~~ the unscrambled digital content into a media stream; and

an output element, coupled to ~~said~~ the decoder, configured to output ~~said~~ the media

stream.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the ~~output includes~~media stream comprises a signal following standards for protected signals specified by the CSS specifications.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein the playback device implements the functionalities of Disc Key Recovery Logic, Title Key Recovery Logic, and the Content Scrambling Algorithm, and wherein the playback device utilizes the Master Key pair.

5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein the playback device does not: (a) incorporate or implement the functionality of the CSS Authentication Algorithm, or (b) incorporate the Authentication Key.

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein the media reader does not (a) incorporate or implement the functionalities of any of: (i) Disc Key Recovery Logic, (ii) Title Key Recovery Logic, or (iii) the Content Scrambling Algorithm, or (b) incorporate the Master Key pair.

7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein the media reader incorporates and implements the functionality of the CSS Authentication Algorithm, and incorporates the Authentication Key.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein the media reader comprises an Authenticator for CSS Decryption Module.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the main printed circuit board of the playback device has at least five layers, and signals containing unscrambled compressed audiovisual data or key material used in unscrambling digital content run wherever feasible on traces in interior layers of the main printed circuit board.

15. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein a signal containing unscrambled compressed audiovisual data or key material is processed by an integrated circuit included in ~~said~~the playback device, wherein ~~said~~the integrated circuit is area-array packaged and surface-mounted, and wherein ~~said~~the signal is routed via interior contacts of ~~said~~the integrated circuit whenever feasible.

16. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, ~~whereby~~wherein a user ~~can~~may control the apparatus through at least one of: (a) an on-screen display and associated touchpad and IR remote control protocols~~; and through~~, or (b) a Web user interface.

17. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the media stream comprises analog audio data, and ~~whereby~~wherein ~~said~~the analog audio data as output from the playback device is either in: (a) a compressed format, or ~~else~~(b) in a Linear PCM format in which the transmission information is sampled at no more than 48 kHz and no more than 16 bits.

18. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the media stream comprises analog video data, and ~~whereby~~wherein ~~said~~the analog video data as output from the playback device does not have ~~higher~~resolution higher than standard definition, unless the scrambled digital content has ~~itself that higher~~resolution higher than standard definition.

19. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of playback devices coupled to the storage element,

wherein ~~each~~ at least one of ~~said~~the plurality of playback devices is operable to output a different

media stream from another one of the plurality of playback devices.

20. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the output ~~has~~ element

includes a distinct controlling CPU from the storage element, and wherein the output element has

at least one of the properties ~~in the set:~~of being logically remote from the storage element, or

being physically remote from the storage element.

21. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the scrambled digital

content ~~being~~ is maintained in a protected form when the scrambled digital content is:

transferred between the DVD and the media reader,

transferred between the media reader and the storage element,

~~when~~ stored on the storage element, and

transferred between the storage element and the playback device.

22. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein

at least two ~~elements in the set~~of the following: (a) the storage element~~;~~, (b) the playback

device~~;~~, and (c) the media reader~~;~~, are: (i) physically remote from each other, or (ii) have

separate CPUs.

~~have, pairwise, at least two of the properties in the set: being logically remote; being~~

~~physically remote; and having more than one controlling CPU.~~

23. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein

at least two ~~elements in the set~~of the following: (a) the storage element~~;~~, (b) the playback

device~~;~~, and (c) the media reader~~;~~, are logically remote from each other.

~~are pairwise physically remote, and have separate controlling CPUs.~~

24. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the media reader

includes at least one DVD reader.

25. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the media reader

includes a DVD drive.

26. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the storage element

includes a magnetic disk drive.

27. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the scrambled digital

content is maintained in a protected form for at least two ~~cases in the set~~of the following:

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the DVD and the media reader;

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the media reader and the

storage element;

when the scrambled digital content is stored on the storage element; and

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the storage element and the

playback device.

28. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the scrambled digital

content is maintained in a protected form for at least three ~~cases in the set~~of the following:

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the DVD and the media reader;

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the media reader and the

storage element;

when the scrambled digital content is stored on the storage element; and

when the scrambled digital content is transferred between the storage element and the

playback device.

29. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein the protected form

includes at least one of:

an encrypted form of the scrambled digital content;

an encrypted form of the scrambled digital content scrambled in accordance with CSS;

a form of the scrambled digital content including digital rights information; ~~and~~or

a form of the scrambled digital content including digital rights information for which it is

substantially difficult to remove that digital rights information.

30. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein the protected form has

at least one of the following properties~~in the set~~:

the protected form is resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection ~~afforded by the~~

~~protected form~~;

the protected form is impossible to defeat using user tools; ~~and~~or

the protected form is difficult to defeat using professional tools.

31. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein the protected form has at least two of the following properties ~~in the set~~:

the protected form is resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection ~~afforded by the protected form~~;

the protected form is impossible to defeat using user tools; and

the protected form is difficult to defeat using professional tools.

32. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 21, wherein the protected form is:

(a) resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection afforded by the protected form, ~~is~~(b) substantially impossible to defeat using user tools, and ~~is~~(c) substantially difficult to defeat using professional tools.

33. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the media reader includes a first authenticator.

34. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 33, wherein the apparatus complies with ~~the~~CSS specifications.

35. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 33, wherein the ~~system~~ apparatus may direct~~is capable of having~~ the first authenticator and a second authenticator to authenticate each other before the media reader permits access to data.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the storage element ~~has capacity~~is configured to concurrently store scrambled digital content from plural DVDs.

38. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in any of ~~claim~~Claims 1 or 20 or 21 or 32 or 33, wherein operation of the ~~system~~ apparatus allows for a substantial time duration between a first time of storage of the scrambled digital content at the storage element, and a second time of output of any media stream derived therefrom.

39. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in any of ~~claim~~Claims 1 or 20 or 21 or 32 or 33, wherein the scrambled digital content ~~can be transported~~is transportable a substantial distance after being read by the media reader and before being output by the playback device.

40. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in any of ~~claim~~Claims 1 or 20 or 21 or 32 or 33, including a system internal link operable to communicate compressed digital data representing media streams,

wherein at least one of the following types of information communicated using the system internal link is not substantially accessible to an external entity without an authorized cryptographically secure key: (a) digital information representing at least one media stream, (b) digital rights information, or (c) digital rights key information.

41. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 40, including coupling via the system internal link, at least two of the ~~set~~ following: (a) the media reader, (b) the storage element, and (c) the playback device.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A method of playing a DVD, ~~including steps of~~comprising:

reading the DVD, wherein the DVD includes ~~including~~ scrambled digital content representing at least one media stream scrambled in accordance with a content scramble system (CSS);

non-evanescently storing the scrambled digital content in a protected form using a storage mechanism different from the DVD without descrambling the scrambled digital content;

descrambling ~~said~~the scrambled digital content into unscrambled digital content,

immediately prior to decompressing ~~said~~the unscrambled digital content into ~~said~~the media

stream; and

playing back the media stream.

46. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein additional protection

is used on the DVD, by the storage mechanism, or both.

47. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 46, wherein the additional

protection used on the DVD is different from the additional protection used by the storage

mechanism.

48. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the protected form is

scrambled in accordance with the CSS.

49. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, wherein ~~said~~the descrambling

and decompressing: (a) incorporates and implements the functionalities of: (i) Disc Key

Recovery Logic, (ii) Title Key Recovery Logic, and (iii) the Content Scrambling Algorithm, and

(b) involves the Master Key pair.

50. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, wherein ~~said~~the descrambling

and decompressing does not (a) incorporate or implement the functionality of ~~the~~a CSS

Authentication Algorithm, or (b) incorporate the Authentication Key.

51. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, ~~whereby~~wherein the step of

reading does not (a) incorporate or implement the functionalities of any of: (i) Disc Key

Recovery Logic, (ii) Title Key Recovery Logic, or (iii) the Content Scrambling Algorithm, or (b)

incorporate the Master Key pair.

52. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, ~~whereby~~wherein the step of

reading incorporates and implements the functionality of the CSS Authentication Algorithm, and

involves the Authentication Key.

53. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, further comprising:

performing ~~the~~a function of an Authenticator for CSS Decryption Module,

wherein ~~said~~the descrambling and decompressing comprises performing the function of a CSS

Descrambler.

54. (Cancelled)

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56. (Cancelled)

57. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, ~~whereby~~wherein ~~said~~the playing back comprises outputting audio data in either a (a) compressed format, or else in (b)~~a~~ Linear PCM format in which the transmission information is sampled at no more than 48 kHz and no more than 16 bits.

58. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 48, ~~whereby~~wherein ~~said~~the playing back comprises outputting analog video data which does not have ~~higher~~-resolution higher than standard definition, unless the content recorded on the DVD has ~~itself that higher~~ resolution higher than standard definition.

59. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the protected form includes at least one of:

an encrypted form of the scrambled digital content;

an encrypted form of the scrambled digital content scrambled in accordance with CSS;

a form of the scrambled digital content including digital rights information; ~~and~~or

a form of the scrambled digital content including digital rights information for which it is substantially difficult to remove that digital rights information.

60. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the protected form includes:

(a) an encrypted form of the scrambled digital content scrambled in accordance with CSS; and

(b) an additional layer of protection, by any technique, for any substantial portion of the steps of reading, storing, and playing back.

61. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the step of reading occurs in a media reader having at least one DVD drive.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 61, wherein the media reader includes a first authenticator.

64. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 63, wherein the method complies with the CSS license and the CSS procedural specification.

65. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim 64~~Claim 63, wherein ~~said~~the reading comprises ~~having~~the first authenticator and a second authenticator ~~authenticate~~authenticating each other before ~~permitting~~access to data is permitted.

66. (Cancelled)

67. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim 64~~Claim 63, further comprising:

extracting keys ~~that can be~~ used to descramble CSS data, (a) by an indirect manner from the key materials copied from the DVD, and (b) using a key associated with the playback device, ~~that key not being available~~wherein the key is unavailable from the DVD~~, in compliance with the CSS license and the CSS procedural specification~~.

68. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim 64~~Claim 63, wherein ~~said~~the reading comprises ~~having~~ the first authenticator and a second authenticator ~~authenticate~~authenticating each other before the media reader permits access to data, and ~~said~~wherein the playing back comprises using CSS descrambling procedures.

69. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein at least two of the following steps occur at logically remote locations from each another: (a) the step of reading, (b) the step of non-evanescently storing, and (c) the step of playing back.

70. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein at least two of the following steps occur at physically remote locations from each another: (a) the step of reading, (b) the step of non-evanescently storing, and (c) the step of playing back.

71. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the step of playing back occurs at a plurality of playback devices, wherein at least two of those playback devices ~~being pairwise~~are substantially physically remote from each other.

72. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein a substantial time duration may occur between the step of non-evanescently storing and the step of playing back.

73. (Cancelled)

74. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein the scrambled digital content may be transported a substantial distance between the step of reading and the step of playing back.

75. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein a system internal link is used between two of the steps of: (a)~~-~~reading, (b) non-evanescently storing, and (c) playing back, wherein the system internal link ~~able~~is configured to communicate compressed digital data representing media streams; and

wherein any key materials in data communicated using the system internal link are not substantially accessible to an external entity without an authorized cryptographically secure key.

76. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business, including steps of sending data from a device that reads a physical medium to a remote playback device while complying with CSS license agreement terms and CSS procedural specification terms.

77. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 76, wherein the steps of sending

data to a remote playback device include causing that playback device to be ready to playback that data.

78. (Cancelled)

79. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 76, wherein the device that reads the physical medium and the remote playback device have separate controlling CPUs, and have at least one of the properties in the set: being logically remote, being physically remote.

80. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 76, including steps of storing data from the physical medium in a storage element capable of non-evanescently storing that digital content using a storage technique substantially different from the physical medium.

81. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 76, including steps of storing data from the physical medium in a storage element capable of non-evanescently storing that digital content using a storage technique substantially different from the physical medium; and wherein the playback device is coupled to the storage element, the playback device having an input disposed for receiving the digital content and having an output disposed for coupling a. media stream represented by that digital content for presentation.

82. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, whereby the playback device includes a CSS descrambler.

83. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein the playback device includes a plurality of those outputs disposed for presentation, at least two of those outputs pairwise have separate controlling CPUs, and have at least one of the properties in the set: being logically remote, being physically remote.

84. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein the playback device includes at least one of those outputs disposed for presentation and having at least one of the properties in the set: being logically remote from the storage element, being physically remote from the storage element, having a distinct controlling CPU from the storage element.

85. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein data is read from the physical medium by a media player before being sent to the storage element, and wherein the media reader includes a read element capable of being coupled to the physical medium, the digital content being maintained in a protected form between the media reader and at least one of: the storage element, the playback device.

86. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein at least two elements in the set: the storage element, the playback device, the media reader; have collectively more than one controlling CPU, and have pairwise, at least one of the properties in the set: being logically remote, being physically remote.

87. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein the digital content

is maintained in a protected form for substantially an entire path including: between the physical medium and the media reader; between the media reader and the storage element; when maintained on the storage element; between the storage element and the playback device.

88. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein the protected form includes at least two of: an encrypted form of the digital content; an encrypted form of the digital content complying with the CSS license; a form of the digital content including digital rights information; a form of the digital content including digital rights information for which it is substantially difficult to remove that digital rights information.

89. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein the protected form has at least one of the properties in the set: resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection afforded by the protected form, impossible to defeat using user tools, difficult to defeat using professional tools.

90. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein the protected form has at least two of the properties in the set: resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection afforded by the protected form, impossible to defeat using user tools, difficult to defeat using professional tools.

91. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 85, wherein the protected form is substantially resistant to attempts to defeat copy protection afforded by the protected form, is

substantially impossible to defeat using user tools, and is substantially difficult to defeat using professional tools.

92. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein the storage element has capacity to concurrently store digital content from plural physical media.

93. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein at least one possible output from the playback device includes an analog audiovisual content; and the second protected form by which the analog audiovisual content is protected includes analog copy protection.

94. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 93, wherein the analog copy protection is Macrovision copy protection.

95. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein at least one output from the playback device includes a digital audiovisual content; and the second protected form by which the digital audiovisual content is protected includes a technique substantially like HDCP.

96. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein operation of the system includes at least a substantial time duration between a first time of storage of the digital content at the storage element, and a second time of output of any media stream derived in

response thereto.

97. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein the digital content

is transported any substantial distance after being read by the media reader and before being

output by the playback device.

98. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, including at least one system

internal link, the at least one system internal link including a link able to communicate

compressed digital data representing media streams; wherein at least one of the following

communicated using the system internal link is not substantially accessible to an external entity

without an authorized cryptographically secure key: digital information representing at least one

media stream, DRM information, DRM key information.

99. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 98, including steps of coupling

by a least one system internal link, at least two of the set: the media reader, the storage element,

the playback device.

100. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 81, wherein data is read from

the physical medium by a media player before being sent to the storage element, and wherein the

media reader includes a read element for physical media, the physical media including digital

content representing at least one media stream, the digital content being maintained in a protected

form, and the read element including a first authenticator; a second authenticator; an interface to

a storage element; and a controller capable of (1) causing the first authenticator and the second authenticator to authenticate each other before the read element accesses the physical media, and (2) causing the read element to read data from the physical media and output the data to the interface with DRM information intact.

101. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 100, wherein the read element includes a DVD drive.

102. (Withdrawn) A method of doing business as in claim 100, wherein the media reader can output the data to the storage element whether or not the storage element is logically remote from the media reader.

103. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the storage element includes an array of magnetic disk drives, wherein data is stored redundantly ~~in such a way~~ ~~that~~and all data may be recovered after the failure of any one magnetic disk drive ~~therein~~ from the array of magnetic disk drives.

104. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the playback device further comprises a plurality of ~~outputs~~output elements configured to simultaneously output ~~said~~the media stream.

105. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the playback device further comprises a second output element configured to output a second media stream.

106. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the media stream comprises analog audiovisual content in a protected form including analog copy protection.

107. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 106, wherein the analog copy protection comprises Macrovision copy protection.

108. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the media stream is protected with a technique substantially similar to high-bandwidth digital content protection (HDCP).

109. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as in ~~claim~~Claim 34, wherein the apparatus is configured to extract keys that can be used to descramble CSS data, by: (a) an indirect manner from the key materials copied from the DVD, and (b) using a key associated with the playback device, ~~that key not being available~~wherein the key is unavailable from the DVD.

110. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, ~~wherein said conversion comprises~~ further comprising adding Macrovision copy protection.

111. (Currently Amended) A method as in ~~claim~~Claim 45, wherein ~~said conversion~~ ~~comprises~~ further comprising applying a technique substantially similar to high-bandwidth digital content protection (HDCP).

112. (Currently Amended) A media playback device, comprising:

a network connection for receiving scrambled digital content from a remote media storage device, ~~said~~the scrambled digital content extracted from a DVD and scrambled in accordance with a content scramble system (CSS);

a CSS descrambler, coupled to ~~said~~the network connection, for processing ~~said~~the scrambled digital content into unscrambled digital content;

a decoder, coupled to ~~said~~the CSS descrambler, for decompressing ~~said~~at least a portion of the unscrambled digital content into a media stream; and

an output element, for outputting ~~said~~the media stream to a presentation device, wherein ~~said~~the media stream comprises a signal in compliance with a standard for protected signals specified by the CSS procedural specifications.

113. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 112, wherein ~~said~~the media stream comprises audio data in either (a) a compressed format, or (b) in a Linear PCM format in which the transmission information is sampled at no more than 48 kHz and no more than 16 bits.

114. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 112, wherein ~~said~~the

media stream comprises analog video data having resolution no higher than standard definition,

unless ~~said~~the digital content has a resolution higher than standard definition.

115. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 112, wherein ~~said~~the

media stream comprises analog audiovisual data protected by an analog copy protection scheme.

116. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 115, wherein ~~said~~the

analog copy protection scheme comprises Macrovision copy protection.

117. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 112, wherein ~~said~~the

media stream comprises digital audiovisual data protected by a digital copy protection scheme

substantially similar to the high-bandwidth digital content protection (HDCP) scheme.

118. (Currently Amended) The media playback devices Claim 112, further comprising:

a second output element for outputting ~~said~~the media stream to a second presentation

device.

119. (Currently Amended) The media playback device of Claim 112, wherein ~~said~~the

network connection is also for receiving additional scrambled digital content from ~~said~~the remote

media storage device, ~~said~~the CSS Descrambler is also for processing ~~said~~the additional

scrambled digital content into a second media stream, and ~~said~~the media playback device further

comprises:

a second output element for outputting ~~said~~the second media stream to a second

presentation device, wherein ~~said~~the second media stream comprises a signal in compliance with

a standard for protected signals specified by the CSS specifications.

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128. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a storage element for non-evanescently storing scrambled digital content extracted from a DVD, wherein the scrambled digital content is stored using a technique substantially different from the DVD without descrambling the scrambled digital content, ~~and~~ wherein the scrambled digital content is protected by a content scramble system (CSS), and wherein the storage element having ~~an~~ storage output for sending the scrambled digital content; and

a playback device for producing a media stream derived from the scrambled digital content, comprising:

~~an~~ a playback input for receiving the scrambled digital content from the storage element, ~~said~~the scrambled digital content at the playback input scrambled in accordance with ~~a content scramble system (CSS)~~the CSS;

a descrambler, for descrambling ~~said~~the scrambled digital content into unscrambled digital content;

a decoder, coupled to ~~said~~the descrambler, for decompressing ~~said~~the unscrambled digital content into a media stream; and

an output element, coupled to ~~said~~the decoder, configured to output ~~said~~the media stream.

129. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 128, wherein ~~said~~the media stream comprises audio data in either: (a) a compressed format, or (b) in a Linear PCM format in which the transmission information is sampled at no more than 48 kHz and no more than 16 bits.

130. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 128, wherein ~~said~~the media stream

comprises analog video data having resolution no higher than standard definition, unless ~~said~~the

scrambled digital content has a resolution higher than standard definition.

131. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 128, wherein ~~said~~the media stream

comprises analog audiovisual data protected by an analog copy protection scheme.

132. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 128, wherein ~~said~~the media stream

comprises digital audiovisual data protected by a digital copy protection scheme substantially

similar to the high-bandwidth digital content protection (HDCP) scheme.

133. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 128, wherein operation of ~~said~~the

system allows for a substantial time duration between a first time of storage of ~~said~~the scrambled

digital content at ~~said~~the storage element, and a second time of output of ~~said~~the media stream.

134. (Currently Amended) A method of playing back stored scrambled digital content,

comprising:

accessing the stored scrambled digital content, wherein the stored scrambled digital

content having been extracted from a DVD compliant with ~~the~~ content scramble system (CSS)

specifications, wherein the stored scrambled digital content is stored using a technique

substantially different from the DVD without descrambling the scrambled digital content, and

wherein the stored scrambled digital content is protected by ~~a content scramble system (CSS)~~the CSS;

sending the stored scrambled digital content to a playback device; and

producing a media stream derived from the stored scrambled digital content for playback, ~~said~~wherein the producing ~~comprising~~ comprises (a)descrambling ~~said~~the stored scrambled digital content into unscrambled digital content, immediately prior to (b) decoding ~~said~~the unscrambled digital content into ~~said~~the media stream.

135. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 134, wherein a substantial time duration elapses between a first time when ~~said~~the scrambled digital content is stored and a second time when ~~said~~the scrambled digital content is accessed.